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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 3, 2003, applicant respectfully
requests clarification in the following respects.

On page 3 (Section 6) of the action, the Examiner rejected applicant's claims as
unpatentable over Jensen Patent 5,571,080 in view of Bodenschatz et al. Patent 6,074,965.

Near the bottom of the same page, the Examiner then refers to a "Martz" reference.
On the following page 4, in lines 3 and 10, Martz is again discussed as a reference.

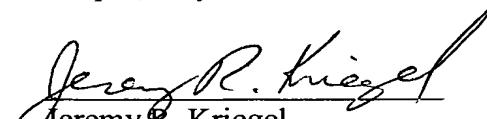
Applicant at first assumed that such reference to "Martz" was in the nature of a
typographical error and that the Examiner instead meant to refer to Bodenschatz et al.
However, that assumption became questionable because of the further statement appearing on
lines 6 and 7 of page 4. In line 7 the Examiner makes reference to "marked-up Fig. 6," and

the Bodenschatz et al. reference has only four figures. Further, the action was not accompanied by a sheet of drawings from any reference showing a marked-up Fig. 6.

The listing of references appended to the action only sets forth those references disclosed by applicant in an Information Disclosure Statement, and that list includes no references bearing the name "Martz."

Applicant therefore respectfully requests clarification of the action and, if necessary, identification of the Martz reference discussed in the action.

Respectfully submitted,



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